

What is claimed is:

1. A recliner cover assembly for enclosing a recliner mechanism of an automotive seat wherein the recliner mechanism includes an upper arm pivotally coupled to a lower arm, said recliner cover assembly comprising:

5       a housing defined by facing first and second molded members forming a cavity therebetween for encasing at least a portion of the recliner mechanism; and  
      a separate shingle cover slidably coupled between said first and second molded members wherein said shingle cover is adapted to be coupled to the upper arm of the recliner mechanism for movement concomitantly therewith to continuously  
10       cover the recliner mechanism encased with said housing.

2. A recliner cover assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said shingle cover includes a slot therein adapted to receive the upper arm of the recliner mechanism and couple said shingle cover to the recliner mechanism.

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3. A recliner cover assembly as set forth in claim 2 wherein said first and second molded members include facing inner surfaces defining said cavity therebetween.

4. A recliner cover assembly as set forth in claim 3 wherein said housing includes  
20       a track for slidably supporting and guiding said shingle cover during movement along a predetermined path between said first and second molded members.

5. A recliner cover assembly as set forth in claim 4 wherein said track is defined

by at least one rib projecting outwardly from said inner surface of said first and second molded members.

6. A recliner cover assembly as set forth in claim 5 wherein one of said first and second molded members includes a plurality of tabs and the other of said first and second molded members includes a plurality of slots for mating with said tabs to interconnect said first and second molded members.

7. A recliner cover assembly as set forth in claim 6 wherein at least one of said first and second molded members includes an aperture for receiving a fastener to fixedly secure said housing to the lower arm of recliner mechanism.

8. A recliner cover assembly as set forth in claim 7 wherein said first and second molded members are formed from molded polypropylene.

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9. A recliner cover assembly as set forth in claim 8 wherein said shingle cover is formed from a flexible polyester blend.

10. A recliner cover assembly as set forth in claim 9 wherein said first and second molded members are adapted to be fixedly secured to the lower arm of the recliner mechanism and the shingle cover is adapted to be independently coupled to the pivotal upper arm of the recliner mechanism.